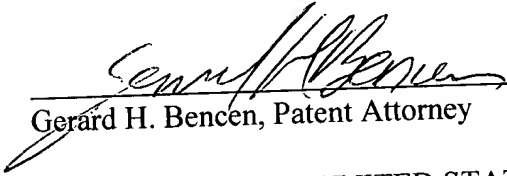


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sire:

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This is a timely response to the Restriction Requirement mailed in the captioned application on August 27, 1999. Election is hereby made, with traverse, to prosecute claims 2-5, 33-36, 59-62, 80-83, 107-110, and 112-115 (Group XV) drawn to a method for synthesizing a compound, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

The traverse of the Restriction Requirement is based on the following considerations: It is noted that the Restriction Requirement proposes that there are eighteen separate and distinct groups of claims and hence inventions encompassed by the 116 claims as originally filed in this application. However, it is noted that claim 1 is directed to a "method for production of a derivatized resin represented by the formula (I):" while claim 2 is directly dependent from

claim 1, but further comprises reacting an aldehyde or ketoamide with the resin represented by (I) in claim 1, thereby producing a derivatized resin bearing an immobilized aldehyde or ketoamide. Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that claims 2-5 represent species of that which encompassed by claim 1. Likewise, it is noted that claim 6 and its dependents merely define the method by which element (C) of claim 1 is prepared. Accordingly, claims 6-12 all represent species of claim 1. In claim 13, the method according to claim 1 is claimed when applied to the production of a product, given particular species for reactants specified in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 13 and its dependent, claim 14, represent species of claim 1. Similarly, claim 15 is directed to the method of claim 1 wherein particular manipulations are carried out with the derivatized resin. Accordingly, claim 15 and its dependents, claims 16-27 represent species of the method of claim 1. Claim 28 is directly dependent on claim 2, hereby elected, wherein the specific purpose of carrying out the claimed method, and conditions for conducting the method are specified. Likewise for claim 29, which depends from claim 3, hereby elected. Likewise for claim 30, and its dependent, claim 31, which depends from claim 6, discussed above, wherein specific reactants are specified. A similar analysis applies to claims 33-36, hereby elected, which depend from claim 32, which for these claims is analogous to claim 1 in being generic thereto. Claims 37-51 each ultimately depend from claim 32, and hence represent species of that which is claimed in claim 32, depending on the nature of reactants chosen, the conditions under which the process is carried out, or additional manipulations that are conducted. Claim 52 depends from claim 33, hereby elected, specifying the purpose and conditions for carrying out the elected process. Likewise for claim 53, which depends from claim 34, hereby elected. Claims 54 and 55 each ultimately depend from claim 32, and represent species thereof, as discussed above. Thus, all claims to claim 55 ultimately depend from claim 1 and represent species thereof.

With regard to claim 56, it relates to claim 1 in that it is directed to the method of claim 1 using specific starting materials. Claims 57 and 58 depend from claim 56 and further define specific reactants employed in the process, and in this way, are similar to claims 59-62, elected herein. In claims 63-76, all of which ultimately depend from claim 56, specific reagents are outlined, as are specific reaction conditions or desired products. Thus, once again, it is urged that these claims are species of the generic claim from which they depend. Claims 77 and 78 likewise are directed to specific purposes and conditions for carrying out the process claimed and specified according to claims 59 and 60, as discussed above.

Claim 79 is similar to claim 1 by gain specifying a generic procedure in which particular reactants are contacted. Claims 80-83, hereby elected, represent species of this generic procedure, wherein specific reactants and conditions are employed. Claims 83-105 are directed to carrying out the specific processes for specific purposes using defined reactants or conditions. Accordingly, these claims represent species of the generic claim 79 from which they ultimately depend.

Claim 106 represents a very specific embodiment of the method of claim 1, while claims 107-110, hereby elected, represent species of the method of claim 106 wherein specific reagents and conditions are employed.

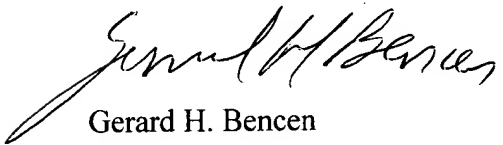
Claims 111-115 represent additional specific embodiments of the method of claim 1, again specifying particular reactants and conditions.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement as to the above discussed claims, since all of these claims are encompassed by generic claims from which they all depend. It is urged that administrative

economy further dictates that all of these claims be examined together and that a single patent be issued therefore.

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